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REMARKS

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1. On 14 February 1952, the barracks installation in Meissen-Bohnitzsch (N 52/F 09) was occupied by about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Not all barracks buildings were fully lighted after sundown. A unit seen marching out of the installation on 12 February consisted of about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The unit was followed by a sidecar motorcycle. Several officers were seen coming to the barracks installation from some villa-like buildings opposite the installation. The villas seemed to be either officers billets or a headquarters. Ten tanks were seen moving into the sheds behind the installation on 14 February. Trucks were identified entering the billeting area.

2. Between 11 and 13 February, the barracks installation in Bohnitzsch quartered an undetermined number of troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Except for a few windows, the installation was fully lighted on the evening of 13 February. Many soldiers were seen walking in the billeting area, but no training activity was noticed there. About 80 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in record practice with carbines at the target range. Truck was seen entering the billeting area. *

3. From 11 to 13 February, the barracks installation in Meissen-Zaschendorf quartered an undetermined number of troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Three AT guns were observed standing in front of a garage on 11 February. Another AT gun was towed by a truck which moved toward Meissen on 13 February. **

* Comment. The 95th Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div, which is carried in the barracks installation in Bohnitzsch, is only vaguely confirmed by the observation of red-bordered black epaulets, two tanks and vehicles.

. Source of paragraph 1 stated that the installation quartered about 2,000 troops in January 1952, while other sources estimated the number of troops to be at only 600 to 1,000 in 1950 and 1951. There is a possibility that the installation also quarters the unidentified motorcycle battalion of the 9th Tank Div.

** Comment. The identity of the unit in the barracks installation at Zaschendorf has not been determined to date.

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